United States Department of State



Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to Section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the transfer of technical data, defense services, and hardware to Japan for the manufacture of the Universal Turret System, M197 Gun, and M8E91 Feeder for the AH-1S Helicopter.

The United States government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable

John F. Kerry, Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, United States Senate.